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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: TENNECO 7

REFS: (A) ADDIS 6209, (B) KHARTOUM 1245 (C) ATHENS 3354

(D) ASMARA 421

1. REQUEST ADDRESSEES PASS FOLLOWING TO TENNECO REPS.

2. DEPT FULLY CONCURS WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED REF A WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON POSITIVE ACTIONS TENNECO CAN TAKE TO IMPROVE WELLBEING OF ERITREANS GENERALLY (CF. PARA 1(B) REF A). WE ALSO STRONGLY BELIEVE DETERMINED EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO DISCOURAGE RANSOM WHICH, IF MET, WOULD RENDER ALL AMCITS IN ERITREA POTENTIAL HOSTAGES, AND POLITICAL DEMANDS WHICH WOULD AT BEST, BE DIFFICULT AND SLOW TO MEET.

3 NEGOTIATORS WITH ELF SHOULD STRESS THAT IN ORDER TO RE-ESTABLISH AT LEAST SOME INTERNATIONAL CREDIBILITY AFTER GHINDA KILLING ELF SHOULD FREE ALL SEVEN CAPTIVES IMMEDIATELY. ALL SEVEN COMPLETELY LINKED IN WORLD OPINION AND
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ONUS IS ON ELF TO PRODUCE THEIR LIBERTY BEFORE ANOTHER

TRAGEDY OCCURS.

4. FOR FREEMAN IN ATHENS: DEPT SERIOUSLY QUESTIONS DESIRABILITY OF YOUR TRAVEL TO KHARTOUM AT THIS TIME (CF. REF C). AS HEAD OF IMPORTANT U.S. COMPANY, YOUR PRESENCE LIKELY AROUSE UNDUE PRESS INTEREST WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT CURRENT DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ELF. IN ADDITION,

GOS HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE IN PUTTING TENNECO REPS IN CONTACT WITH IMPORTANT ELF OFFICIAL EVEN AT POTENTIAL EXPENSE EXCELLENT SUDANESE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA. IF NEGOTIATIONS BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, THEREFORE, IT POSSIBLE THAT SUDANESE NOT WILLING TO CONTINUE PRESENT COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS USG AND TENNECO IN RESOLVING PROBLEM.

5 REF D JUST RECEIVED. DEPT CAN ONLY AGREE WITH LOGIC SET FORTH REF D WHICH STRENGTHENS ITS VIEW PARA 2 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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